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Status					
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 Ju	ly 2006.				
· _ · _ · _ · ·	action is non-final.				
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims					
4) Claim(s) <u>1-23</u> is/are pending in the application.					
4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>17-21</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.					
5) Claim(s) <u>1-6,15,16,22 and 23</u> is/are allowed.					
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>7-14</u> is/are rejected.					
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.					
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.					
Application Papers					
9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.					
10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.					
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).					
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).					
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.					
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119					
12)⊠ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a)⊠ All b)□ Some * c)□ None of:					
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.					
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No					
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage					
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).					
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.					
Attachment(s)					
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application.

This action is in response to applicants' amendment filed July 14, 2006. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 13-16 and 23 have been amended.

# Response to Amendment

Applicant's amendments filed July 14, 2006 have been fully considered with the following effect:

- 1. The applicants' amendments and arguments are sufficient to overcome the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph rejections labeled paragraph 3a), b), d), e), f), g), h) and i) of the last office action, which are hereby **withdrawn**. However, with regards to the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejections labeled 4c), the applicants' amendments and remarks have been fully considered but they are not found persuasive.
  - The applicants' state that "precursor means the protected forms of the reactive functional groups referred to at page 8, lines 21-22, page 10, line 15 onwards, and also at page 13 lines 7-13". According to Wikipedia precursor is defined as a substance that, following a reaction, becomes an intrinsic part of a product chemical. The definition of R'<sub>1</sub> where R'<sub>1</sub> is a precursor does not set forth the metes and bounds of the claims.

Claims 7-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter, which applicant regards as the invention, for reasons of record and stated above.

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In view of the amendment dated July 14, 2006, the following new grounds of rejection apply:

# Election/Restrictions

2. Claims 17-21 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on November 30, 2005.

# Claim Objections

3. Claims 13 and 14 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim must be stated in the alternative. See MPEP § 608.01(n).

# Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-6, 15, 16, 22 and 23 are allowed. None of the prior art of record or a search in the pertinent art area teaches the compounds, compositions and method of use of the compounds of formula (I) as claimed herein.

#### Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda L. Coleman whose telephone number is 571-272-0665. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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